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CAMPAIGN 2000: NATURAL LAW PARTY'S HAGELIN ALSO WANTS THE REFORM PARTY'S NOMINATION.

Editor's note: The last time we updated our analysis on the Reform Party USA's presidential free-for-all, the anti-Pat Buchanan crowd within the RPUSA was doing all it could to stop him from gaining the nomination at the party's Aug. 10-13 national convention in Long Beach - but without much success. Now comes the last gamble by the anti-Pat crowd. The Natural Law Party's presidential nominee, Dr. John Hagelin, Ph.D., with help from his allies within the Reform Party, is making a run at also capturing the RPUSA's national presidential primary. Here is our update & analysis...

...Hagelin is a quantum physicist, but he's no egghead and his aim is to defeat hardliner Pat Buchanan in the RPUSA's national primary and thus form a coalition which certainly would warrant more news media coverage than Hagelin's now getting. RPUSA begins presidential primary balloting (via fax, email and written ballot) early next month, around July 5th - and extending up to Aug. 9th, the day before the national convention. Can Hagelin pull it off? Hagelin's staff feels confident...

...In Calif., the NLP has only 62,183 registered votes. In Calif.'s March 7th presidential primary, Hagelin got only 5,891 votes. The party itself doesn't even have a state chair; it has two state coordinators. But they have fielded a U.S. Senate candidate, as well as a U.S. House candidate in all 52 CDs. The NLP is a little thin when it comes to legislative candidates. Back to Hagelin...

...Hagelin's toughest fight is getting news media coverage - or as one source told Calpeek, "Buchanan gets lots of attention from his news friends." Thus Hagelin's campaign is under the radar right now, but here's something interesting: the RPUSA has listed only two candidates on its presidential primary ballot: Buchanan and Hagelin. Sources in Hagelin's campaign say he's after RPUSA voters vs. the Buchanan strategy of winning support from the delegates who will attend the RPUSA convention. FYI: If Hagelin were to win the primary vote, then it would take a 2/3rds vote of all the RPUSA delegates to overturn the primary results. If the

RNC or the Bush campaign were smart, they'd find a way to help Hagelin financially...

...Does Hagelin have support within the RPUSA? Our CA RPUSA sources say Hagelin is running strong among the Ross Perot loyalists. That could be wishful thinking. But regardless of whether Hagelin beats Buchanan, Hagelin will be on the ballot in all 50 states. The NLP's #1 wish: to have a national tv/cable debate with Buchanan. It would be tough for Buchanan to duck, given all his efforts to debate with Bush and Gore after Labor Day...

...FYI: What do Hagelin and RPUSA share in common? Sources say Hagelin's platform is close to what Ross Perot's was in '92 and '96. And Hagelin supports the RPUSA's key stands on campaign reform, trade, fiscal responsibility and on government accountability. www.hagelin.org. The real fear among anti-Buchanan forces within the RPUSA is that Buchanan will mold the party around his own core hardline social beliefs: anti-abortion, anti-gay, pro-gun. And thus some in the Reform Party will leave it - perhaps for good. Stay tuned...

THE QUACKENBUSH CHRONICLES: COMMISSIONER HAS ONE MORE CHANCE TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT

Editor's note: If there's ever been a critical day in the life of embattled GOP CA Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush it will be June 19th in Sacto, when he is supposed to testify before the Assembly Insurance Committee. The 19th is Comm. Q's D-Day, perhaps the last chance he'll have to convince legislators his actions arising out of DOI's \$12 million settlements with insurance firms (as opposed to fining these companies \$3 billion for the way they handled claims from the 1994 Northridge earthquake) were correct. Regardless of what happens June 19th, Q's political career is toast. Here's Calpeek's update & analysis...

...At this point it seems unlikely that Comm. Q will survive much longer. It's not a question of IF, but when he'll leave office. He'll either resign or be impeached for his direct actions or inaction in controlling others at the DOI. The L.A. Times, BEE (McClatchy), S.F. Chron, San Jose Mer-

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cury News and San Diego Union-Tribune have all called for Q's resignation. The L.A. Times has editorialized on this subject *ad nauseam* - four times!!!

...But if it's impeachment the story will make national headlines. Calif. hasn't had an impeachment against a statewide elected official since 1857, when the State Treasurer was convicted by the State Senate and removed from office...

...What's most troubling to lawmakers (GOP as well as Demos) are *4 smoking guns* which were recently uncovered by the Assembly Insurance Cmt., under the leadership of Chair Jack Scott of Pasadena. 1) The Stoorza, Ziegaus, Metzger & Hunt PR proposal/memo of 2/99 outlining a course of action to improve Q's image and recommending that foundations be set up to funnel settlement money into the PR/communications effort; 2) a *political poll* taken for Q by two of his political operatives, using (it appears) some foundation money; 3) *contradictions* between Comm. Q and at least 3-4 of his political advisors; and 4) *possible check forgeries* of foundation funds. As has been noted by others, the Assembly's probe has been both bipartisan and focused vs. the State Senate's probe, under Chair Jackie Speier (D-San Mateo), which *hasn't* been nearly as productive...

...In addition to Comm. Q, the Assembly panel also is supposed to hear from Q's former top deputy, George Grays. He may be able to supply some very damaging testimony about what was going on inside the DOI under Q's command. The key question to Grays: who controlled the foundation(s) and who made the decision(s) on how the foundation/settlement monies were to be spent? If he says he was "only following orders" from Q, it could be all over for the Quack. On the other hand, Grays may have some problems of his own with the AG's office...

...Back to impeachment. The original view was that Demos would let Q twist slowly in the wind. But with the latest set of smoking guns, several GOPers have openly discussed two options: 1) a GOP team would meet with Q and tell him to step down; or 2) if option #1 failed, begin working with the Demos on a *bipartisan impeachment resolution*. And that is the only way an impeachment resolution will work – if key GOPers (Scott Baugh, Brett Granlund, Jim Brulte, Bill Leonard, Bruce Thompson and Ross Johnson) work with the Demos to move forward. One thing working in Q's favor: *time*. The summer legislative recess is set for July 7th. The legislature comes back on Aug. 7th for about another month. Is there time for an impeachment???

...FYI: if Comm. Q steps down, who replaces him? Our sources say GOPers wants a respected caretaker to head the DOI until the next election. One name that has popped up

repeatedly is that of State Sen. Patrick Johnston (D-Stockton). Johnston is *termed out* this year and has said he has no further political ambitions. One name not on the acceptable list, at least as far as the GOP is concerned, is Sen. Jackie Speier. It's speculated that she would like to run for IC in 2002. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: RESULTS OF JUNE 6 LOCAL RACES

Editor's note: There were a number of local school bond elections on June 6th, along with two runoffs for the Long Beach City Council. Here's a brief update...

...In Long Beach, incumbent Councilman H. Delano Roosevelt, grandson of FDR, was defeated for reelection by attorney Dennis Carroll. For those with short memories, Roosevelt had been wooed by the DCCC to take a run at U.S. Rep. Steve Horn (R-Long Beach). In the 6th District (open), Laura Richardson-Batts won by 19 votes over former teacher Dee Andrews...

...And there were *7 local school bond elections*, with a 2/3rds vote need for passage. Six school districts passed bonds. They included Claremont Unified, Glendora Unified, Hacienda La Puente, Palos Verdes Peninsula District, Rowland Unified and Wiseburn School District. Rowland got 84%. The only district which lost in the L.A. area was Hart Union High School, which got 66% - a narrow loss. Bottomline: in this round of elections, school districts did *not* have a problem with the 2/3rds vote. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: CAMPBELL HIRES WILSON STAFF TO RUN U.S. SENATE OPERATION. WILL IT WORK?

Editor's note: U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell (R-San Jose) has been doing some shuffling of his campaign team, getting it ready to go up against U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) in the fall. Here is our brief update & analysis...

...In the primary lead consultant Joe Shumate and media/tv consultant Don Ringe were the only two paid pros on the staff, not counting the fundraising operation under savvy pro Karen Keane. Keane and her team remain in place for the general. And here's the way the rest of Campbell's campaign team looks. Shumate remains as a consultant, but *add* to the team longtime Wilson operatives George Gorton; Sean Walsh as communications director; and Bill Whelan as speech writer. Shumate, Gorton, Walsh & Whelan are all former Wilson operatives and staffers...

...Suhail Khan was the press spokesperson during the primary, but he's now campaign policy director as well as Campbell's executive assistant. Andrea Jones was just hired as daily manager. However, there's a question as to who

the campaign will hire as tv/media consultant. Ringe is still in the running, but it's not a done deal, Campbell sources say. No pollster hired as yet...

... Very recently Campbell picked up the endorsement of U.S. Sen. John McCain(R), but also landed in some hot water with his U.S. House GOP colleagues after a story broke in Roll Call (June 5), in which Campbell threatened to "immediately resign from Congress unless House Speaker Dennis Haster lived up to his pledge to allow a floor vote on his proposal." His proposal is HR 1304 and it would exempt MDs from federal anti-trust laws. In a later L.A. Times interview, Campbell said he never threatened Haster with resignation "unless you schedule my vote." A big stink on Capitol Hill, but no impact in Calif...

... FYI: According to Calpeek sources, Campbell still trails Feinstein by some 15-pts. in a new statewide poll taken for Demos. This same survey has Demo VP Al Gore ahead of TX Gov. George W. Bush(R) by a margin of 43% to 40%. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: SIX CITY CONFLICT OF INTEREST MEASURES SUBMITTED BY NADER'S OAKS PROJECT

Editor's note: Consumer advocate and Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader has a number of different projects going at the same time. One of them is the *Oaks Project* – a Calif.-only organization aimed at training the average citizen to become a skilled grass roots/political operative. The *Oaks Project* has been running for a number of years and its volunteers were active in YES on Prop. 9 in 1998 and in several legislative battles in this current session in Sacramento. www.oaksproject.org. Here's our brief update & analysis...

... Volunteers from the *Oaks Project* have submitted signatures to qualify the same local *conflict of interest* initiative in six(6) separate cities – from Calif.'s 4th largest city, San Francisco, to Claremont with just 32,000 residents in the western end of San Bernardino Co. In L.A. Co., signatures were submitted in Pasadena and Santa Monica. In Orange Co., Irvine was targeted, while in San Diego Co., the city of Vista with 80,700 residents was on the list. In total, over a 5 month period (from January to early May), with about 300 volunteers (no paid initiative circulators), *Oaks Project* collected more than 70,000 signatures in the six cities...

... If these local measures qualify and are eventually approved Nov. 7th, they would bar councilmembers from receiving campaign contributions and gifts from those businesses/contractors/developers who do at least \$25,000 per year in business with a city. The ban also applies to

developers who get exemptions from master plans; and anyone who buys city property in excess of \$25,000. There are other restrictions as well...

... There's no opposition as yet, but sources suspect it's only a matter of time before opposition committees form in the six cities. The *Oaks Project* staff in Santa Monica will coordinate the campaigns, but volunteers in each of the six cities will actually run the campaigns. Not much money here, but it will be a test of grass roots political support. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: UPDATE ON U.S. HOUSE CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Republicans hold a slim 223 to 212 edge in the current U.S. House lineup. A switch of 6 seats would give the Demos control in 2001. Here in Calif., there are 4 U.S. House races which Calpeek is covering, plus a handful on our *watchlist*. Here's our update...

☒ *New GOP House Poll* – Not especially good news for Republicans, as a new internal survey shows Demos hold a 3 pt. lead in a *generic match up*. The poll by Fabrizio, McLaughlin & Assoc. was done in late May/early June. A month earlier, another survey had the GOP with a 4 pt. lead – so this is a 7 pt. shift. A DCCC survey taken by pollster Fred Yang (1,263 likely voters, Apr. 26 to May 1st), showed Demos holding a 39% to 36% advantage in 35 CDs nationwide...

☒ *New Registration Numbers* – At the 6/2/00 close of registration, here's the numbers in the following CDs:

15 th CD	Dems 43.8%	up 1,097 from 2/7/00
	GOP 35.2%	up 920 from 2/7/00
27 th CD	Dems 43.8%	up 3,900 from 2/7/00
	GOP 37.0%	up 1,497 from 2/7/00
36 th CD	Dems 40.9%	up 1,786 from 2/7/00
	GOP 38.9%	up 1,084 from 2/7/00
49 th CD	Dems 38.5%	up 3,957 from 2/7/00
	GOP 36.7%	up 2,893 from 2/7/00

☒ *27th CD Update* – U.S. Rep. Jim Rogan(R-Glendale) began his "fall campaign" against State Sen. Adam Schiff (D-Glendale) a full month ago, using cable tv ads touting his support for HMO reform. But Rogan didn't vote for the Norwood/Dingell (HR2723) *HMO Patients Bill of Rights* law. He supported competing bills sponsored by Health Insurance Assn. of America, HMOs and insurance companies. Norwood/Dingell won the support of 68 cross-over GOP lawmakers and it passed...

...Once Rogan's ads began running, Schiff's campaign launched a counter offensive pointing out the differences between the competing bills. The resulting publicity hasn't been all that favorable to Rogan. And now Schiff is on cable tv with a response HMO ad, featuring 27th CD residents, who complain on screen about Rogan's vote and Rogan's misleading tv ad. About the best news for Rogan in recent weeks was his endorsement May 30th by U.S. Sen. John McCain(R-AZ). It came at a fundraiser at the home of GOP businesswoman Noel Irwin Hentschel, which also brought in some \$70,000. FYI: In late July (date TBA), Rogan and Schiff will meet in their 1st real debate on KPCC-FM's *AirTalk*, hosted by Larry Mantle...

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few items, political & otherwise, worth noting...

■ ***John Jacobs Education Fund*** – A fund has been established for the two children of John Jacobs, the Sacto BEE's popular political columnist who died recently of cancer. Donations can be sent to the *Jacobs' Children Education Fund*, 220 Montgomery Street, Ste. 800, San Francisco, CA 94104...

■ ***Open Access Heats Up in L.A.*** – The battle over high speed internet access is back on the front burner in L.A. It's the cable operators vs. phone companies allied with AOL. And while some think the subject is boring (Mego – my eyes glaze over), this battle is a huge fight with millions and millions at stake. And this battle, once it gets going, is the *Full Employment Act for Consultants*, with tons of high paid lobbyists on both sides. The battle was rejoined after L.A. Councilman Alex Padilla recommended that cable companies provide *open access*, meaning the cable firms in L.A. have to provide access to the phone companies, AOL and other ISPs. Right now the phone companies provide high speed internet access through DSL, but it's not nearly as fast as cable. The cable firms will fight Padilla's recommendation all the way and they call this kind of decision *forced access*. First signs of a bloody and costly fight appeared in the June 14th edition of the L.A. Times, with a full page ad paid for by *Hands Off the Internet/So. Calif.* It's got a photo of consumer advocate David Horowitz – with a message which says: "To the city council. Don't rush to regulate the Internet." 1-888-903-2423 www.calhoti.org. And Calpeek sources are predicting some kind of statewide initiative in 2002 on this subject. Bottomline: if you thought there was big bucks spent on both sides of Prop. 5 (Indian gaming) back in 1998, wait until you see the mega-buck campaign on both sides of this high speed internet fight...

■ ***Campaign Mgt. Institute @UC Davis*** – The 16th annual Political Campaign Management Inst. will be held at UC Davis, July 14-16. Consultants taking part in the two day training sessions include Allan Hoffenblum, Ray McNally, Brian Rix, Max Besler, Jeff Raimundo and Kevin Spillane. Cost is \$545. For info (800)752-0881...

CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: CNN correspondent Judd Rose 45, died June 10th after a battle with brain cancer. Rose also was with ABC-TV for 9 years, but began his broadcast career in L.A., working for KFWB Radio and Channels 4 and 7. He won 4 Emmys. R.I.P...

● In case you missed it, (we don't see how), former Colorado Gov. Roy Romer(D) has been appointed Superintendent of the LAUSD, the nation's 2nd largest school system. Romer is 71...

● Taking Romer's place as chair of the DNC convention is high profile Demo fundraiser Terry McAuliffe...

● George Ross, former mgr. of ARCO's State & Local Govt. Relations, has joined L.A.-based Cerrell Associates as a VP...

● Matt Klink has joined L.A.-based Rogers & Associates as a VP. Klink had been with Cerrell Assoc., prior to joining R&A...

● L.A. attorney George Kieffer, who was chair of L.A. City Atty. Jim Hahn's '97 reelection campaign, has been named policy chair for Hahn's 2001 mayoral campaign...

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